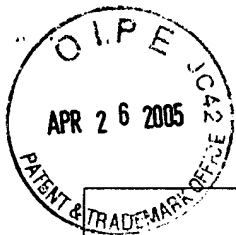


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ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

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